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UPDATE REGARDING CALIFORNIA TASK FORCE 2

Our California Task Force 2 team has steadily assisted New Zealand in its rescue and recovery of victims, following the 6.3 magnitude earthquake in the City of Christchurch. Currently, the team is working around the clock performing highly technical recovery efforts inside a high profile, 18-story building with interior stairways collapsed.

We have been informed that the New Zealand government has now officially transitioned from "Rescue" to "Recovery" mode in their search efforts. California Task Force 2 (CA-TF2) Heavy Rescue is now transitioning from a heavy rescue, 74-member team to a medium, 44-member team tonight at 8:00 p.m. New Zealand Pacific Time, and will continue assisting with recovery operations.

The remaining 30 members are now in the process of demobilizing, and plan to return to Los Angeles this Sunday, March 6, 2011. Once through U.S. customs, the team will be transported directly to our Urban Search and Rescue facility, located at 12605 Osborne Street in Pacoima. The remainder of the team is tentatively scheduled to demobilize next Thursday, March 10, 2011. Once the entire team returns to Los Angeles, a formal recognition ceremony will be held at a later date.

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